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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 5211

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TAGS: EWWT, IMCO, PORG

SUBJECT: SECRETARY GENERAL'S VIEWS ON REORGANIZATION  
OF IMCO

1. IMCO SECRETARY GENERAL SRIVASTAVA TOLD EMBOFF HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE AND CONTINUOUS PRESSURE FROM JAPANESE TO APPOINT SASAMURA AS SECRETARY OF MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE WHEN SAVELIEV LEAVES. SRIVASTAVA THINKS THIS WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE WASTE OF SASAMURA'S EXPERIENCE IN POLLUTION WORK AT A TIME WHEN THAT WORK IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING. SRIVASTAVA, THEREFORE, INTENDS TO RESIST JAPANESE INITIATIVE. NONETHELESS, HE CONSIDERS SASAMURA TO BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED OFFICER WHO DESERVES CONSIDERATION FOR ADVANCEMENT. THIS, HE BELIEVES, COULD BE ARRANGED IN LINE WITH HIS OVERALL PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION.

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2. SRIVASTAVA NOW SEEMS REASONABLY SETTLED ON IDEA THAT

DEPUTY SEC GEN POSITION SHOULD NOT BE REFILLED AFTER QUEGUINER'S DEPARTURE WHICH LIKELY WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. INSTEAD, MEPC SECRETARY, TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION CHIEF, LEGAL DIVISION HEAD AND HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS SHOULD ALL BE UPGRADED TO D-2 STATUS EQUATING THEM TO PRESENT LEVEL OF MSC SECRETARY. THIS WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AMENDMENTS TO IMCO CONVENTION MAKING MEPC AND LEGAL COMMITTEE DESIGNATED BODIES OF IMCO AS MSC NOW IS AND LIKELY AMENDMENT IN NEAR FUTURE ACCORDING SAME STATUS TO TECH COOPERATION DIVISION. IN VIEW OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION WITH INCREASING SIZE AND ACTIVITY OF ORGANIZATION, THIS POSITION ALSO MERITS UPGRADING IN SEC GEN'S VIEW. EACH OF THE D-2 POSITIONS MIGHT HAVE TITLE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL. THEY WOULD ALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO SEC GEN.

3. DUE TO UNCERTAINTY OF DATE OF QUEQUINER'S DEPARTURE, SRIVASTAVA NOW APPARENTLY THINKING OF PROCEEDING WITH REORGANIZATION IN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WHETHER QUEGUINER HAS DEPARTED OR NOT. HE STRESSED THAT HE INTENDED THAT UPGRADINGS PROPOSED WOULD HAVE NO BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS SINCE HE WOULD DELAY HIRING FOR SOME OTHER PROGRAMMED OFFICER SLOT AND USE MONEY SAVED TO COVER INCREASED COSTS IF DEPUTY SEC GEN HAD NOT LEFT AND, IN FUTURE, USE MONEY SAVED FROM DEPUTY'S SALARY TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAM. ARMSTRONG UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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